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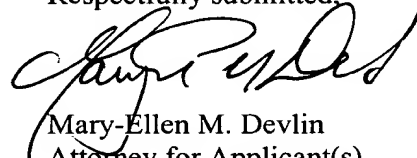
**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time for responding to the Action mailed on April 3, 2003, be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for two months, so that the extended period for response will end on September 3, 2003.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time is \$410.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. A triplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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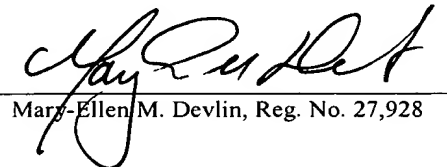
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